

The Editor and the Proofreader send
Seasonal Greetings
to everyone, with thanks for your support
and apologies for our shortcomings.

On behalf of the village we express gratitude to our Advertisers without whom the Newsletter would not be in the stable financial situation which prevails. Thanks, also, to our contributors for keeping us up-to-date with the news.

This is the final Newsletter of the Second Millennium!

Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



The Minister writes:

All geared up for The Millennium Christmas? (That's got the M-word out of the way!). If ever a Christmas needed preparation to protect it from the sort of commercialism that seems to begin in early October, it is this one. The media and the advertisers seem to want to outdo each other in hype more than ever this year. There is, of course, a way to prepare oneself for Christmas, and this is well tried and tested. It's called the season of Advent, which began on the last Sunday of November. Each week we are helped to discover and refresh the true meaning of the coming of Jesus into the world, which started the first Millennium. Let's use what's given us and thank God that he helps us to be prepared. And what better way than to come Sunday by Sunday to worship him? As I said, it's a tried and tested method. So why not try and test it for yourself?

Our diary for December has a bit of "overspill" this month, so I can't fit everything in. For more detailed information, please see the handbills and posters in Church or look elsewhere in this issue. More news next month.

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.		11 a.m.	6 p.m.
December 5	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church		Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
December 12	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)		Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
December 18 (Saturday)	7.30 p.m.: Carol Concert by the Stanborough Chorus in St. Lawrence, Bigbu			
December 19	Kingston		Bigbury	Ringmore
	Holy Communion (BCP)		"Carols fM"	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
December 20 (Monday)	2.30 p.m. Carols at the Korniloff Retirement Home, Bigbury-on-Sea			
December 21 (Tuesday)	7.30 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Kingston			in Kingston
December 23 (Wednesday)	3 p.m.	Commun	ion at the Korniloff Retire	ment Home, B on – S.
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	4 p. m. 11.30 p.m.		ound the Crib in Ringmore Communion in Bigbury	
December 25 (Christmas Day)	10.30 a.m.	60 a.m. Christmas Family Communion in Kingston		lingston
December 26 (Sunday)	10.30.a.m.	Family C	ommunion in <u>Ringmore</u>	
December 31 (New Year's Eve)	3.30 p.m. 11.30 p.m.			more
January 1, 2000	11 a.m. Special M		fillennium Service in <u>Bigb</u>	ury
January 2 (Sunday)	10.30 a.m.	New Year	r Service in Ringmore	

As many of you know, November start on a very downbeat note with the passing on of Tigger. He died on 2nd after a long and colourful life, and is now buried in the pub garden. We have had requests for a memorial and a collection has been started; please see Colin.

On a happier note we have had some good food and music evenings this past month; thank you for your support.

In December the heat rises again with the party season and we are taking bookings for parties of all sizes. We have a Game Cuisine evening on 4th and regular Friday night live music running towards Christmas.

Boxing Day is worth a special mention: Sur we are open all day with our festive menu. We Please book in advance. When you have had enough of Christmas food why not come to our Curry evening on 19th turkey is NOT on the menu!

Finally, on New Year's Eve the Journey's End will be open and in party mood.

Journey's End Journal

December		(closed on Mondays)
Wed	1st	Christmas menus start
Thurs	2nd	Jason's quiz
Fri	3rd	Live Music - Sweet 'n Hot
Sat	4th	Special 'Game Cuisine'
Wed	8th	Curry night
Thurs	9th	Adrian's quiz
Thurs	16th	Geof's Christmas quiz
Fri	17th	Live Music - ONYX
Sun	19th	pm Christmas Open House
		for Locals - Mulled wine,
		mince pies, etc.
Fri	24th	Christmas Eve Carols
Sat	25th	Christmas Day - open 12.00
		- 2.00 for drinks & nibbles
Sun	26th	Boxing Day Special Menu
Wed	29th	Curry night
		Anything-but-turkey!

There will be a hot food buffet for those who would like it; music, beer and wine for all tastes and a free glass of

31st Millennium Eve Celebrations

and Champagne finish!



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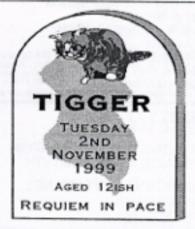
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champagne at midnight! We look forward to seeing you all.

Grahame and Debbie

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3.15 - 3.30 Kingston Fire Station 3.45 - 4.30



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DECEMBER DIARY

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm THURSDAY: Quiz Night Journey's End 9.00pm FRIDAYS: 3rd 8.12th Fester Club Parish Room 5.30pm

FRIDAYS: 3rd & 17th Friday Club Parish Room 5.30pm 4th All Hallows Christmas Feyrm Parish Floom 10.30am

5th Lupridge Singers Modbury Church 7,30pm

11th SMB Adult Children's Party

Stanborough Ensemble StLawrence Bigbury 7.30pm

21st Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall

24th Carols Round the Crib All Hallows Ringmore 4.00pm Midnight Communion St Lawrence Bigbury 11.30pm

31st Millennium celebrations at the JE

January 2000

18th

1st Millennium Service St Lawrence Bigbury 11,00am 2nd New Year Service All Hallows Ringmore 10,30am

DEADLINE Fri 24th Dec

In January Ginny Sauer won the annual Table Tennis tournament... Mary, Jacqueline and Pam will not wish to be reminded of broken bones ... the Ringmore Quiz Team failed gloriously in the semi-final... no Parish Council election was needed... Matthew and Mark married Helen and Servane respectively... James and Gillian gave way to Grahame and Debbie... the Eclipse was eclipsed... Sara and Derek were married... Douglas Hall left the village ... Margaret and Barbara are faring much better than in the summer... on a number of occasions we bade farewell to neighbours and welcomed new arrivals... and now it is December, the month of parties!

There are still some tickets for the Short Mat Bowls 'Children's Party'; James Stevenson's Dartmouth Conspiracy has been published - 0800 0180509; if you want a commemorative Millennium Mug try the Parish Council; don't miss the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4th.

The Parish Council meeting this month will start at 7.30pm.

Finally, the next Newsletter will not appear until 5th January, due to extended holidays. Please rspect the DEADLINE!

CHRISTMAS DATES

Free Parking after mid-day: Kingsbridge: 15th, 16th and 17th Modbury: 18th, 23rd,24th

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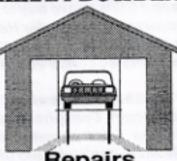
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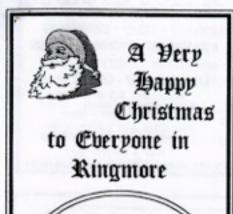
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WATCH

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There are probably old Devon bread ovens concealed within the thick walls of several Ringmore Cottages and no doubt, some that are not concealed but nicely spruced up as alcoves for displaying objet d'art, books and flowers.

Nearly always these cottage or farmhouse bread ovens were set deep into the side wall of a large open fireplace, their doors sideways on to the open hearth and the main chimney. The oven usually had a domed or beehive roof, a thick state or brick floor and a heavy, well-fitting door. To heat the oven, faggots, kindling and dried bracken were burned fiercely on its floor, usually with the door open so that any smoke found its way out and was drawn up the main chimney. When the oven was very hot, sometimes with its bricks glowing red, the ashes were quickly raked out and the oven made completely clean by being wiped out with a damp rag on the end of a stout stick. All this had to be done at the greatest speed in order to lose as little heat as possible. Then the dough loaves, already risen in the ambient warmth, would be quickly placed inside and the door securely fastened for about an hour's baking.

A high temperature was vital for the production of good bread and there were several approved means of testing the oven temperature. One was to throw a handful of flour against the wall of the oven. If the flour burned up in a blaze of sparks, the oven was ready. Another means for testing was to note the change in colour of the hot bricks. Yet another was the 'watch and tell-tale', a small pebble, built into the oven wall and specially chosen for its propensity to change colour significantly when heated. The loaves were put in place with a 'peel', a kind of flat battledore with a long handle which was also used to remove them once cooked.

The clay ovens, made in the Barnstaple, Bideford and Fremington potteries, were of the highest repute and were being produced as late as 1890. Many were exported from Bideford to South Wales, Ireland and America and were highly prized. Considerable skill was needed in their production so that heat could be rapidly generated and then sustained for as long as it took to bake the loaves with a good crust. Writing in the eighteenth century, Hannah Glasse, author of The Art of Cookery Made Plain, offered the following advice:

'In the building of your oven for Baking, observe that you make it round, low-roofed and a little Mouth; then it will take less fire and keep in the heat better than a long oven and high-roofed, and will bake Bread better.' In Llewellyn Jewett's The Ceramic Art of Great Britain (1833), we read of the old Devon ovens that 'the bread baked in them is said to have a sweeter and more wholesome flavour than when baked in ordinary ovens'.

Di Collinson

Historical Howlers

The following were culled from the exam papers of a West Country school.

Thousands signed (the petition) but many signatures were found to be bigamous.

Scattered farms were built in the middle of fields for easy access.

Charles called for a parliament but no one came.

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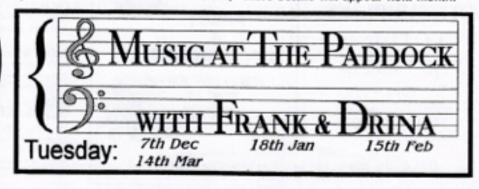
The Third Reform Bill gave the vote to all except Royalty and people in metal homes.

In 1534, Henry the Eighth sent Thomas Cromwell to enquire into the monasteries. As a result many monks were disillusioned.

Looking Ahead

In January the Historical Society will start its programme of events for the Third Millennium. The first event will be a talk from Phil Andrews who will describe the history of Modbury from times before it was a Wool Town to the present day.

More details will appear next month,





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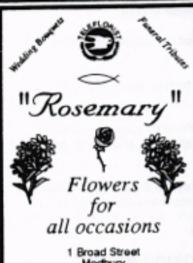
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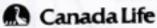
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Ringmore Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday 23rd November Present: 7 councillors, the Clerk, District Councillor - B Carson, Neighbourhood Watch - David Young, Millennium Committee - Guy Eddy and one member of the public.

Matters Arising

Darkie Lane

Wood for the construction of the walkway was still awaited but Cllr Muller reported that the area of concern was quite dry at the moment and causing no problems for walkers. Cllr Muller advised that he had carried out improvements to a number of finger post signs in and around the village.

Renton Lane and Blackberry Lane
Clir Freeman confirmed that he had again
spoken to Donald Masters of Devon County
Highways and had received assurance that
repairs to the surface of Bester Lane and

repairs to the surface of Renton Lane and the clearing of Blackberry Lane will be undertaken shortly. Cllr Freeman will continue to monitor progress on the completion of the work and report back.

Boundary Hedge, 1 Cumberland Cottages Clearance has taken place.

Matters raised by Parishioners Neighbourhood Watch - nothing to report

District Council

Mr Carson reported that Ruth Bagley from Dorset, had been appointed as the new Chief Executive of SHDC.

The subject of additional housing was again being discussed by the government which believes that Devon could cope with an extra 100,000 homes.

Councillors raised the matter of car parking charges as it is felt that charges are excessive and that there should be some concession for local residents. Mr Carson acknowledged the comments but said that the income generated was needed for maintenance and that there was no easy solution to the car parking issue.

Town Green/Well

The council voted to engage Mr John Reid to keep the area strimmed and tidy on a monthly basis commencing next March, through the growing season. The strimmer, which was kindly donated to the council some time ago will be held by Cllr Muller for use where necessary on those footpaths which are not the responsibility of the National Trust.

Millennium

Guy Eddy reported that the trees were awaiting collection from MM Nurseries and that planting would begin on 30th November. There is nothing to report on the proposed seats.

The clock for the church tower is still on hold as no funding has yet been found.

The SHDC has reproduced the Parish Map for the display stand which it will provide free of charge. SHDC has included reference to the National Trust's local involvement and to its own publications for visitors. Councillors had a number of concerns on the quality of the reproduction and the content of the additional panel which will be conveyed to SHDC before the project is finalised.

Cllr Tagent had obtained a quotation for the Millennium mugs and parishioners would be invited to order mugs. If there is sufficient demand from paying customers, all children under the age of 16 will get one FREE.

Planning

Ringmore Women's Institute (Application 40/1778/99/F) - provision of entrance porch and a ramp to provide access for disabled people. No objection.

Mr Castle, Rosie's Barn (Application 40/1690/99/F) - two storey extension. No objection but some reservations which will be conveyed to the Planning Authority.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm Please note the change of time.

Carol Allan

Millennium Mugs

The Parish Council is producing special bone china mugs to commemorate the Millennium. Printed in blue and gold, with pictures of the church and pub (our two centres of life?), they will cost only £5 each.

They are available to anyone who wishes to buy and there is no limit on numbers. They would make excellent presents for grandchildren, grandparents, family and other friends! However we have to make a minimum order of nine dozen and unless we have orders to match we will be unable to proceed. If we reach the target then a mug will be given free to every child aged 16 and under on 31st December, who is resident in the parish.

To order one of these historic mugs, just fill in the order form attached to the Newsletter and send it, together with your remittance, to Jackie Tagent.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The November meeting was the General Meeting and consequently no speaker was present. The activities of the past year were reviewed by the President, Jackie Tagent who has agreed to carry on in that position. The existing committee was re-elected en bloc with one additional member, Pat King. The treasurer, Myra Eddy presented the balance sheet.

After the conclusion of business including discussion of future events and the alterations to the WI Hall, cheese and wine, provided by the President, were enjoyed by all members who drank a toast to Alice Mason on her 84th birthday. They wished her well for her then forthcoming operation, which is now safely over, thank goodness! Then the 75th Anniversary cake, made by Yvonne Sheppard, was cut in celebration of the past year which had seen many happy and nostalgic events to mark this wonderful achievement.

Naomi Warne

WELCOME

As many of you will know, Judy and Nigel Spence have moved into Barnford, having made the short journey from Harbournford, north of South Brent.

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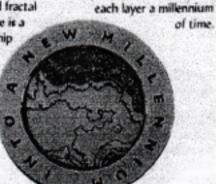
A child looks out in wonder through a window with ten panes.

Instintively the child embraces the world as if wanting to protect it from further harm.

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his daughter Ella. Of the many design concepts considered for a millennium medal. our staff overwhelmingly voted for this sensitive image.

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Saturday 11th Curry and Music Hight - warm up for Christmas

Tuesday 14th Folk at the Oak' - Carols for the thildren - with or without their musical

instruments and perfect pitch! All welcome.

Monday 20th Xman Enchre - Festive prizes and Xman cheer - at 8.00pm

Wednesday 22nd Xmas Pool Knockust - everyone on care please for Amas potting exercise!

Thursday 25rd Xmas Braw plus music with Wendy - start buying your tickets now at 20p a

go - super primes

Christmas Eve Traditional now and unforgettable - Carols on the Green

(in the put if wet) organised by Bigbury Payre Committee'

Christmas Day Pub open for érieles at midday. 7 course lunch at 2.50pm - reservations

only - there are a few places left.

New Year's Eve & course ment in the pub with champagne at midnight - for the more

selate - reservations advised



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booked in advance. Get years now - only a fiver!

We have a match on 17th December - (local derity v Mothury Social) then Knas Eve and New Year's Eve on the next 2 Fridays. Lock out for

notices regarding date of Xmas Knochout.

Quit Evenings - organised by Pan Trundle - 2.15pm - 50p admission

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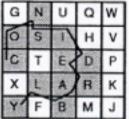








NOVEMBER SOLUTION



The Beginners, Taurus, Matchman, The Furry Boys, and the Lovely Sue Brickay submitted CONSIDERABLY correct answers. The latter two, both past winners, cannot repeat their success this year but it is 'all to play for between the other three. Any one could win if the others fail!

DECEMBER

The Thirty-first of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen was a palindromic date. The next one was 31.3.13. Which were the closest two palindromic dates this century? This is not difficult but it might take more time than you have at this time of year and you know what is at stake!

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31 DAYS TO GO

Further progress was reported at the Open Meeting held on 9th November.

A site inspection had been carried out on 5th November and this was discussed by the meeting. Mr Simon Garner, the National Trust Warden, was there to offer advice and answer questions. After considerable discussion it was decided that Mr Alan McCarthy would draw up a planting plan. The saplings were expected in a couple of weeks and it was hoped to start planting on 30th November.

The Coast and Countryside reproduction of the map had not arrived in time for the meeting. Since then it has been circulated among the Parish Councillors and a list of corrections, amendments and suggestions has been compiled for further discussion with Totnes.

Regrettably we seem to have run out of options on the Church Clock at this time. It may be worth trying some of them again at a later date, otherwise we are down to fund-raising.

The next Open Meeting will be held in the WI Hall on Tuesday 7th December at 7.30pm

Guy Eddy

WANTED

Would you save any of the contents of your Crackers which will not be required after Christmas, other than hats, mottoes and 'bangs'.

If you would kindly pass them to me, I will ensure that they are used, at a future, date for a charitable purpose.

Jacqueline Patterson Walnut Tree Cottage

TEN YEARS AGO

Planning - permission relating to Gralanda (where was that?) was granted

The mirror at St Ann's Chapel had not been replaced.

A few names from the December '89 issue . . . Tom Woodall . . . Gladys and Ken Hinks . . . Jim and Rose Owen . . . Dick & Rosemary from the JE . . . as well as many others who are still in the village and still 'doing their bit'!

No news on Myra!

The Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston branch of

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 1999

We have just completed another very successful Poppy Appeal. We didn't quite match last year's £3682,96 but we did not have a signed English football to raffle which produced £500. However we have managed to raise £3535.71 which is a wonderful effort from all concerned. How this was achieved is as follows.

Mrs Sue Freeman and her friends at Loddiswell got us off to a fine start with £231.04 from a Bingo Night on Friday 29th October.

Auction Night at the Journey's End, by kind permission of Grahame and Debbie Gilliam was on Friday 12th November, It started with the 'weigh-in' of Robbie and Alan McCarthy who had undertaken a sponsored slim. Much credit to them as they achieved their target of losing over two stones between them and this raised £190 for the Appeal. Rob Batten nearly lost his voice but to great effect; by the end of the sale he had raised £1292.75 according to Alistair Rimmer's excellent book-keeping. Colin Jackson, Stan Brunskill, Brian McCabe and Chris Roberts did the humping and heaving. Meantime Myra was still encouraging people to go for the Whisky Raffle, This made a handsome profit of £116.

On Saturday morning the venue was Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury on Sea, the home of Mrs Joan Smith where a Coffee Morning was held. A busy morning's activity produced £274.03, thanks to a lot of hard work by the Legion members and their friends.

The Remembrance Service was held at Bigbury Church on Sunday 14th November at 10.50am. A half-full church enjoyed a rousing service with a very interesting Sermon around Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. The service ended with a procession to lay wreaths at the War Memorial. The collection amounted to £142.20.

THE LUPRIDGE SINGERS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Modbury Church 7.34pm Sunday 5th December

Tickets: Adults £4.50 Schoolchildren £3.00 available from Pickles Hardware or at the door On Monday evening, 15th November, the final event was held. This was a Whist Drive at the WI Hall, Ringmore where raffles and refreshments all went towards producing a further £65 for the Appeal.

During the period 3rd October to 13th November our dedicated ladies had been out and about, in the three parishes, knocking ondoors in some very unfriendly weather. Once again they have been remarkably effective because together with boxes in pubs, clubs and shops, they have once again broken all previous records by collecting £1118.66.

Thank you all once again for your wonderful support

> Guy Eddy Poppy Appeal Organiser

Scaled Down...finally

Well we did it! Our combined weight at the RBL auction was 23st 2lbs, giving us a 3lb bonus.

I can't pretend it hasn't been tough on occasions over the past 10 weeks so 'thank you' to those who encouraged us. A big 'thank you' to averyone who sponsored us to a total of £170. A special thank you' to those who thought I did not need to lose weight and to those who mistook ma for Kate Moss!

A big 'carbanydrate' thank you to Debbie and Graham for the bowl of chips; they were delicious.

Congratulations to Pat Old for guessing Alan's exact weight. No-one guessed my weight so all of 'my' money went to the RBL.

Now we face the problem of keeping the weight off during the festive season!

Robbie McCarthy

THE LUPRIDGE SINGERS

The Lupridge Singers and Chamber Orchestra will perform an edited version of Bach's Christmas Oratorio in St George's Church, Modbury. The work, to be conducted by Bruce Nightingale, is still a favourite in the Christmas repertoire, 265 years after its first performance.

The first half of the programme will be preceded by Buxtehude's 'The Little Newborn Jesus Child' and the second by Faure's 'Cantique de Jean Racine'.

There will be wine and nibbles during the interval. Proceeds will be donated to the Church Roof Fund. There'll be nothing worth watching on the telly, so enjoy an evening of pre-Christmas jollity:

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